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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/658,215, filed September 8, 2000 which claims priority from provisional application serial no. 60/153,289, filed September 10, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

The new claims now reflect a different inventive entity in order to obviate the rule 48 issue.

Small entity status established in the parent case is still proper and desired.

Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert –This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/658,215, filed September 8, 2000 (pending).—

There are 12 total claims, 4 of which are independent.

Basic filing fee	\$0
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9	\$0
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$42	\$0
Fee for multiple dependent claims	\$0
Total filing fee:	\$0

No filing fee is being paid at this time.

Kindly extend the period for response in the parent case by two months. The \$200.00 extension fee is concurrently being paid in the parent case.

If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (858) 678-5070.

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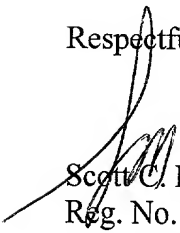
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